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mented by several text-figures and carefully reproduced full-page illustrations. The work will serve as an excellent basis for future taxonomic investigation on the interesting flora of this island.—J. M. GREENMAN.

The United States as seen by de Vries.—Professor DE VRIES has published in the most attractive form an account of his experiences on his second American trip.⁹ The volume is written in popular style, and is amply illustrated with unusually good half-tones depicting American scenery and universities. There are chapters on North Carolina with its cypress swamps and insectivorous plants; Arizona and the Grand Canyon; southern California with descriptions of San Diego, the marine vegetation of Santa Catalina, Pomona College, and a camping trip in the San Bernardino Mountains; the San Francisco earthquake, with special illustrations and descriptions of the disaster at Santa Rosa and Stanford University; the University of California, together with accounts of excursions to Mill Valley, Monterey, Mt. Hamilton, etc.; Great Salt Lake and Salt Lake City; agriculture in the central states, giving descriptions of the Kansas prairies, experiment stations and agricultural colleges in Kansas and Iowa, and maize culture in Illinois; and the dunes of Lake Michigan. One notices slight mistakes in the legends of two illustrations, a cut of *Drosera* being called *Dionaea*, and a scene among the University of Chicago buildings being attributed to the University of California. One in perusing this book longs for facility in the Dutch language, for the book contains the American impressions of one of the ablest men of our day. Botanists in these days too rarely write such volumes as this, perhaps because they feel that most of us are now globe-trotters, and able to be our own interpreters.—H. C. COWLES.

Algae and bryophytes of Connecticut.—The algae of the fresh waters of Connecticut have been described by Professor CONN and Mrs. WEBSTER in a preliminary report.¹⁰ The descriptions and analytical keys and numerous drawings (from nature) bring these forms within easy reach of collectors and students.

The bryophytes of Connecticut have been described by Professor EVANS and Mr. NICHOLS.¹¹ An introduction (37 pp.) presents the general features of bryophytes, the history of their study in the state, their distribution according to environment, and their economic value. The catalogue, which includes keys and stations, makes the following enumeration: Marchantiales 12, Jungermanniales 92, Anthocerotales 3, Sphagnales 31, Andreaeales 2, Bryales 247, a total

⁹ DE VRIES, HUGO, *Naar Californië II*. Haarlem: H. D. Tjeenk Willink & Zoon. 1907.

¹⁰ CONN, H. W., AND WEBSTER, LUCIA W., A preliminary report on the algae of the fresh waters of Connecticut. pp. 78. *pls.* 44 (*figs.* 291). Hartford: State Geol. and Nat. Hist. Survey, Bull. 10. 1908.

¹¹ EVANS, A. W., AND NICHOLS, G. E., The bryophytes of Connecticut. pp. 203. Hartford: State Geol. and Nat. Hist. Survey, Bull. 11. 1908.